

This may be our last battle. We believe that it is the beginning of our final triumph.

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FINLEY WILSON STILL AT HELM.

THE ELK CHEFTAIN DEFIES EFFORTS TO RETIRE HIM

Other Officers Fight.---Win Out After Bitter Struggle.

Will Meet in New York Next Year.

The Grand Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. of the World ended its annual session at Cleveland, Ohio as was expected—all of the officers were reelected. It was one of the stormiest meetings in the history of the organization. Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson lost no time in getting across the winning line after the reading of his report. He was reelected near midnight, Thursday, 26th ult. Judge Henry did not develop the strength expected and the Wilson vote was in the nature of a landslide.

HEAVY ARTILLERY.

With Wilson out of the running, the heaviest parliamentary artillery was brought to bear on Grand Secretary George E. Bates and Grand Treasurer James T. Carter. Bates' report was so vitriolic in dealing with Harry H. Pace that later a motion was made to expunge certain parts of it from the minutes. At no time was Bates in danger of defeat. He had the situation in hand at the beginning and held it to the close. His majority was so overwhelming that despite the bitter things said, Pace himself arose and moved to make it unanimous.

CARTER'S DEFENSE.

Pace's attacks upon Bates were one of the most remarkable features of the campaign. James T. Carter, Esq., who has been dubbed the "gentleman treasurer" maintained his equilibrium throughout the trying campaign, despite the fact that he was bitterly assailed by Harry H. Pace, who appeared in the role of investigator. He was opposed by J. T. Martin from Chicago, Tiffany Toller from Roanoke and John W. White from Richmond. Capital City Lodge's delegation stood by White to the finish.

GOING TO NEW YORK.

Some were not disposed to extend the usual courtesy of making the vote unanimous. The Grand Lodge voted to hold the next session in New York, but owing to alleged legal entanglements, the Grand Exalted Ruler, together with a majority of the Board of Trustees were authorized to change the place of meeting should circumstances warrant the same.

STEEPTOE—JORDAN.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Jordan are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Marian Antonette, to Mr. Charles Schaffers Steptoe, of Roanoke, Va., which took place privately in the home of the bride's parents, 716 North Road, Ginter Park, Richmond, Va., on Friday, September 18, 1925. Rev. T. J. King performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate family.

A. M. E. YOUNG FOLKS MEET IN NORFOLK.

The Twenty-first Annual Convention of the State Allen Christian Endeavor League and Second Annual Convention of the State Sunday School Convention convened in the A. M. E. Monumental Church, Norfolk, Va., August 24, 1926. For four days the people of Norfolk were inspired by the live and instructive meetings. Dr. James S. Hatcher, Attorney W. F. Denny, Miss Avis Hatcher, Mrs. Cora L. Valentine and Miss Ruth M. Denny were delegates from Richmond.

VIRGINIA SEMINARY WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 22.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Session of Virginia Theological Seminary and College will begin Wednesday, September 22, 1926. Thorough and modern courses in Academy, Professional, College and Seminary Departments. Strong, experienced faculty, representing the leading American Universities, well equipped laboratories, moderate rates.

For further information apply to President or Registrar.
Signed:
R. C. WOODS,
A. A. GALVIN,
Chairman of Board.

Dr. A. A. Tennant and his Madame have returned from a most enjoyable trip to Oklahoma, where the former visited his mother and sister. He visited another sister in Kansas City Mo. and stopped over in Cleveland to attend the Elks' Convention. He resumed his large practice last Monday morning.

IDEAL SOCIETY TO HOLD CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia District, National Ideal Benefit Society has made all things ready for the reception of the Supreme Lodge to convene Sept. 7, 8, and 9. Mrs. Ellen B. Taylor, Deputy in charge and the splendid loyal workers have made every preparation for the convention. Many prominent speakers will welcome the Ideals to Philadelphia, namely: Mayor Kendrick, Hon. Charles B. Hall, president of the city council, Mr. Peter Gibson, Hon. E. Washington Rhodes, assistant state district attorney, Mrs. Lena Trent Gordon, Mrs. Mary Banks, Mrs. Florence E. Dixon and others.

Mrs. Cora L. Jenkins, of Newport News and Mr. Samuel C. Jackson, of Norfolk, will go by way of Cape Charles.

All Ideals are looking forward to a great convention.

FULTON NOTES.

The Children's Day Exercises at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church last Sunday were very inspiring. The children played their parts well under the instruction of Mrs. E. Cobbs and others.

Services tomorrow at Calvary: In the morning a message by our pastor, Rev. C. A. Cobbs; 3:30 P. M., our regular communion services. A sacred concert will be given by Miss Eula Cunningham and Miss Emily Lewis, benefit the Shepherds' Band. The Band has been invited to be present.

We are glad to welcome Miss Ruth Godfrey, of New York City, who is here visiting her parents.

Mr. William Trueman and Mr. Moses Mitchell of Westhampton, spent last week in Baltimore with their cousin, Mr. William Bradford, 835 1-2 W. Franklin Street.

Mrs. Sarah Trice of New York City left Tuesday for home after a stay here of six weeks, the guest of Mrs. Martha Edwards, 800 State Street.

DO YOU KNOW THEM

Vienna, Ga., July 20, 1926. I desire to know the whereabouts of my relatives. I am Millie Brook's daughter and I was sold away in slavery. I was born in Richmond, Va. My mother belonged to Jesse Brooks. I was sold to Squire Fouse. I had four brothers: George Washington Jerry Ambos Jim Jerry. My aunt's name was Caroline Lambert, Martha Washburn, Nancy Brewer, Steve Washburn, Eliza Washburn. Daughter, Lydia Washburn.

Any information will be thankfully received by Lydia Webster, Vienna, Ga.

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A HEART TO HEART TALK TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

And to All Who are Interested in the Welfare of the Rising Generation

(By Rev. James M. Henderson, M. M., President of the Industrial Union of America.)

The secret habits that grow out of impure thoughts is a great injury to the child. There are many temptations all along the way to turn the minds of children from the path of right and purity.

A practical education is the only hope for your son or daughter. Dependence and helplessness are the characteristics of childhood. The parent is the natural and legal guardian. Among the rights of children is the right to education and the guardian of that is the parent.

Remember always that it is your duty to cooperate with those who are earnestly engaged in providing good schools for your children. Send your children to school at once. School habits become a part of adult character. Sometimes children need compulsion. Some are indifferent. But always remember that ignorance threatens more severely the different child, than the apt and willing one. Your boy is to become a man and your girl a woman some day. This is an age of sharp competition when everyone needs skill in order to conquer. An ignorant boy has no future before him and an ignorant girl will be the mistress of an unborn generation whose mother she is to be.

Almost every European nation, as well as America, has experimented with this instruction until it has become a matter of statistics that "higher education lowers the criminal record." But, notwithstanding this fact there are thousands of children on the streets today who ought to be in some training school.

Dear Parent: This is a serious matter. You owe all the education possible to your child. Our government calls upon you as parents to prepare the boy for citizenship and heaven commits the girl to your guardianship and tender care to prepare her for the duties of a wife and mother.

The Industrial Union Training School at Southern Pines offers an unparalleled opportunity to your child, also to young men and women.



REV. JAMES M. HENDERSON.

"Apply thine heart unto instruction and thine ear to the words of knowledge." Proverbs 23:12.

One word more: Parents are often to blame for their children going wrong because they do not give them the needed instruction. Self obtained experience has too often proven to be a fatal lesson which the poor victim has learned at the cost of his life. "A child left to him self brings his mother to shame." Proverbs 29:15.

Again we are taught by the Good Book, to "Train up a child in the way it should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Ministers, School Teachers: Your children are getting worse. What are you going to do? The Race is no greater than the weakest one in it. (More to say later. Will rest my burden here.)

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SEEKING THE LYNCHERS.

Judge Condemns the Horrible Crime.

GOVERNOR BYRD ACTS.

State Legal Machinery in Motion

WAS JAS. "BOSSY" PATTERSON GUILTY?

James (Bossy) Patterson was electrocuted in the death chamber within the grim walls of the Virginia Penitentiary Friday morning. This ended one of the most stubbornly contested legal fights ever known in this country. It was January 29, 1922 that Irvin Sied a Jew was killed by some one on Harding Street, Petersburg, Va. and later "Bossy" Patterson was arrested and charged with the crime. Attorney William F. Denny of this city, who "won his spurs" by the practice of law in West Virginia was retained to defend him in conjunction with another colored attorney, who finally dropped out.

APPEALED THE CASE.

Attorney Denny after the conviction of Patterson took the case up to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia and secured a reversal of the verdict of death. On the second trial, a death penalty was meted. Attorney Denny again appealed the case and when the decision of the lower court was sustained by the Supreme Court of Appeals, he took an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States upon constitutional grounds. The final tribunal ruled that it was without jurisdiction.

LED THE MONEY RAISING.

This prevented the consideration (Continued on page 4.)

EVANGELIST SKIPWITH STIRS JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. W. A. Epps, Pastor—For six weeks under tent on the campus of our church, the greatest and most noted preacher, singer, and evangelist of our race the Rev. Dr. William H. Skipwith, has been defying the devil and all of his allies.

One hundred and forty (140) persons quit the broad way of life and signed up for Christ. We have baptized sixty (60). The beauty about this man of God, is he gets his crowd and keeps them; then he's purely orthodox. Has Virginia (Richmond) this man of God, is he gets his crowd and keeps them; then he's purely orthodox. Has Virginia (Richmond) this man of God, is he gets his crowd and keeps them; then he's purely orthodox.

The Richmond Baptist Sunday School Union will hold its regular monthly program of exercises Sunday, September 5th, 3:30 P. M. at the Second Baptist Church, South Richmond, Rev. E. C. Smith, pastor. An excellent program is arranged, and the public is urged to attend. Mr. E. J. Cunningham is superintendent of the Second Baptist Sunday School and he promises a fine session for President John Ballard, of the Union and his officers.

Mrs. Mary Brown, of Baker Street is visiting her brother and sisters in New York City.

REV. DR. KING AND FAMILY GO TO PITTSBURGH.

REV. DR. MORRIS SEEKING HARMONY.

Rev. T. J. King, D. D. preached his farewell sermons at the new Fifth Street Baptist Church last Sunday. Crowds thronged the structure during the day. Rev. Charles S. Morris D. D. was installed as supply pastor to hold over until a regular pastor is called by the church. He held a conference with the officers of the church Monday night and the feeling of unrest was for the time being allayed. He took the position, so it is said, that he was ready to leave whenever the church agreed upon a regular pastor.

The congregation is faced with an indebtedness aggregating more than \$75,000.00 and some of the members have been outspoken in their disapproval of conditions. The effort to bring harmony in the church was essentially necessary and it was to this end that Rev. Dr. Morris met the disgruntled elements. After the meeting the opinion seemed to be practically unanimous that a good beginning had been made. Deacon James B. Page is chairman of the Deacon Board.

OTHER MINISTERS MENTIONED.

Rev. Dr. King and his Madame left Monday morning for his charge in Pittsburgh, Pa. Many other candidates are being mentioned for the pastorate. Among them are Rev. R. H. Bowling, of Norfolk; Rev. W. T. Hall, of Danville, Va.; Rev. A. Hobbs of Norfolk, Va.; Rev. W. E. Graham D. D. of Philadelphia; Rev. L. K. Williams, of Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Walter H. Brooks D. D. of Washington D. C.; Rev. A. C. Powell D. D. of New York; Rev. Eli Tartt, of Petersburg; Rev. R. G. Adams, of Portsmouth.

Miss Rebecca T. Mitchell is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. L. M. Scott, in Montclair, N. J.

Mr. James W. Thompson, who has been confined to his room by sickness is slowly improving under the skillful treatment of Dr. William H. Hughes. He is not permitted to see visitors as yet, but hopes to be out again in a few weeks.

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Emmett M. Burke on the eve of his departure from the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., had as week end guest Messrs. Byron A. Anderson, of the Second Street Savings Bank, and St. Julian Saunders of the St. Luke Bank and Trust Company, Richmond, Va. The record trip was an enviable one. The most beautiful scenery, the stimulating water and invigorating air was truly beneficial to both. Mr. Burke is returning home through the Valley of Virginia and other points of interest before resuming his work at the Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.

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WYTHEVILLE, VA., Sept. 1.—The lynching of Raymond Bird here by a mob from outside of this town has excited more attention outside than it seems to have caused here. Colored people here are taking no outward action, but are watching with interest the action of the white folks. The Richmond Planet, which has been seen here is not seen any more as there is a tense feeling, no colored person knowing just what will happen after the outside influences, exerted by the Governor, the Attorney General's office and the State press have been withdrawn.

ABLE ATTORNEYS.

The colored man was lynched Aug. 15, 1926, in such a quiet manner, the body being removed, that few persons knew of the tragedy until well into the next day. Commonwealth's Attorney Heuser, Assistant Attorney Joseph H. Chitwood, of Roanoke are conducting the investigation. Judge Sutherland's charge to the jury while short was emphatic. He declared the lynching of Bird to be a crime, which shames both the County and the State of Virginia.

DOUBT WITNESSES.

The feeling here is that the testimony of the witnesses summoned will not be direct enough to fasten the crime upon any one of the lynchers although there is no doubt, but what the officials engaged in the task mean business and will really do all in their power to bring about the indictment of some of the men who were responsible for the tragedy. It has been difficult for some of the people here to understand that the lynching of the colored man was a crime against the State and that his guilt or innocence has no bearing upon the crime.

RELATIVE WRITES THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BIRD CASE.

We have received a letter from a relative of Raymond Bird, who tells of the trouble and the cause of the lynching. She says: "I just came back from Rural Retreat and Wytheville. That is just a few miles above here, where they lynch Raymond Bird on the 15th of August. I took supper with his mother, who is my first cousin. She is very sad over the matter. He was a nice father and mother. He also has a wife and three small children, the oldest not over 5 years of age. "There are three white girls ranging in ages from 12, 18, and 20 years. The one 18 years of age gave birth to a child about four weeks ago while in an automobile on the way to Abingdon Hospital. She told the nurses the baby was white, but they told her it was a colored baby. When she left the hospital, she went to Roanoke and tried to get some one to take the baby, but couldn't find a home for it. She took the baby home and then Raymond got an automobile and took it to Wytheville to a colored woman. I saw the baby yesterday. It is a pretty baby, being a brownish. "The girls love Raymond and the white girl told the officer that she would die and go to h... before she would go against Raymond. The 20 year old girl is in the hospital. (Continued page 4)